AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 24 with the following paragraph:

The film 115 is scan-transported <u>by a moving device 115a</u> in a one-dimensional direction shown as an arrow <u>a</u> in the figure (right and left direction in the figure; hereinafter referred to as "in scanning direction")<u>,</u> while [[it]] <u>the film 115</u> is being held on or by a platen, a mask or the like having an aperture in a slit form (not shown) ~~by a moving device 115a~~.

Please replace paragraphs bridging pages 30 and 31 with the following paragraph:

Further, in the scanners 11 and 14 shown in FIGS. 2 and 3 respectively, the image information of R, G and B of the image on the film 115 are read by the 3-line CCD sensor 118 for R, G and B using a visible light while information of the foreign matter, the scratch or the like which is present on (adhering to or produced on) the film 115 or in the optical path is read by the 1-line CCD sensor 119 for IR using an infrared light (IR) as a detecting light; however, the present invention is not limited to the above type, but, as shown in <u>scanner 16 of</u> FIG. 4, it is permissible that not only image information of R, G and B but also information of the foreign matter, the scratch or the like is read by the 3-line CCD sensor 118 for R, G and B using the visible light.

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 32 with the following:

In embodiments shown in FIGS. 2, 3 and 4, a relative movement of the film (original) 115 and the line sensor 118 or 119 for performing scan-reading by the line sensors 118 and 119 is performed by a method which transports the film 115 by the moving device 115a, namely, transports an original; however, this is not the sole case of the present invention, but, in a scanner

18 as shown in FIG. 5, a method of mirror scan may be used which performs scanning while the

mirror in the optical path is moved ~~may be used~~.